

Consolidation of media ownership has not given citizens of the United States a benefit. On the contrary, it has harmed this country in many ways by reducing to almost nothing the constraints which stopped corporations from taking control over the publically owned media spectrum. Now the quality of programming is much lower than it was, and the amount of new programming is much less than it was, despite the repeated statements that the amount and quality of programming would increase with each wave of newer and bigger consolidation. Now the amount and quality of the news has gone down as well, and this looks like it will only proceed faster with Chairman Powell's backing of this bad idea.